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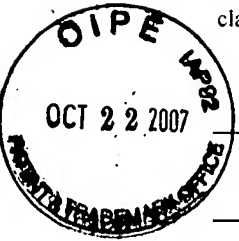
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Patent
Case No. 10672-28

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No: 10/731,327

Filed: December 8, 2003

For: Endoscope Valve
Assembly and Method

Examiner: Kasztejna

Group Art Unit: 3739

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007 for a period of three months.

Applicant is: ☒ small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27) ☐ other than small entity

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Respectfully submitted,

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